

Legally requiring a broadcast flag on a radio or television receiver is a violation of the customer's right of fair use, but there is an even deeper problem here, and that is the elimination of public memory. In a "broadcast flag" world, it will become illegal to record events of public interest, such as political campaign claims, or advertising claims. Collective memory will be at the mercy of a small number of players.

Furthermore, a whole generation of integrated devices, based on computers and radios, will become the domain of a protected oligopoly. I am an engineer, who at this time can freely develop hardware and software. I will lose this ability with your proposed regulation.

I feel that the small benefit of this proposal to the few vested interests is greatly exceeded by the damage to fair use by consumers and engineering opportunities by individuals and small businesses, and to technological progress in general. I can only imagine cynical reasons for the proposal to have gotten as far as it did.

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